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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ONSTATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

1. REPORTS ON STATE OF UNION MESSAGE IN SOVIET PRESS
FEBRUARY 1 FOCUS ON PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED
IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR MFN.
COVERAGE PLAYS DOMESTIC ASPECTS OF MESSAGE AS CONFIRMATION
OF SERIOUS U.S. INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

2. PRAVDA (TASS) REPORT NOTES MESSAGE POINTED OUT
IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL SITUATION ESPECIALLY IN U.S.-
SOVIET RELATIONS WHICH HAVE MOVED FROM CONFRONTATION
TO NEGOTIATION. NOTING MESSAGE CALLED FOR DEVELOPMENT
OF RELATIONS WITH USSR IN ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE, ARTICLE
CITES PASSAGES SAYING U.S. MUST CONTINUE TALKS ON LIMITING
ARMS RACE, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN NATO AND WARSAW PACT, AND
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CREDITING SOVIETS WITH AIDING ACHIEVEMENT OF ME CEASEFIRE.

ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS MESSAGE SAID DECISION OF CONGRESS AGAINST
MFN WILL HINDER U.S.-SOVIET JOINT EFFORTS TO ATTAIN ME PEACE.

3. IZVESTIA STORY BY THEIR OWN CORRESPONDENT ARTAMANOV FOCUSES
MORE ON DOMESTIC ASPECTS OF SPEECH. ARTICLE SUMMARIZES
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON ENERGY CRISIS AND NOTES MESSAGE
REFLECTED CONCERN WITH INFLATION, CRIME, NARCOTICS, AND
POVERTY. ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARTAMANOV REPORTS PRESIDENT
CALLED ON CONGRESS TO PASS FOREIGN TRADE BILL AND QUOTES
HIM TO EFFECT THAT PRESERVATION OF DISCRIMINATORY TRADE
BARRIERS AGAINST SOCIALIST STATES WILL HINDER DEVELOPMENT OF
COOPERATION. DUBS

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